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SUBJ: REPORTED DECISION TO CLOSE U.S. TRADE CENTER IN TEHRAN

1. BROOKS RYNO WAS CALLED OVER THE WEEKEND BY DICK GARNITZ OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TOLD THAT THE TRADE CENTERS IN MEXICO CITY AND TEHRAN WOULD BE CLOSED SOME TIME THIS YEAR. NO DATE WAS GIVEN ON THE CLOSING.

2. EMBASSY OF COURSE IS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON ANY COMMERCE BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THIS REPORTED DECISION; HOWEVER, AS FAR AS U.S. TC'S RECORD GOES VIS-A-VIS OUR EXPORT SALES, WE HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT AND STILL THINK THAT THE PERFORMANCE IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN VERY GOOD. PURELY ON BASIS OF U.S. TC'S PERFORMANCE OVER LAST FOUR YEARS WE THINK THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS DECISION.

3. SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH DICK GARNITZ ON THIS MATTER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR NOT HAVING BEEN ASKED FOR OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS IMPORTANT DECISION.

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